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SUBJECT: CYCLAMATES

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1. UNDER 1972 LAW, A COMPLETE REVISION OF GOM FOOD, DRUG, AND WATER REGULATIONS WAS UNDERTAKEN. NEW REGULATIONS, WHICH ARE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS, CONTINUE BAN AGAINST USE OF CYCLAMATES.

2. A. INTERESTED LOCAL UNDUSTRIES HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED GOM REGARDING POSSIBLE RELAXATION OF BAN;

B. GOM HEALTH REGULATIONS, HOWEVER, GENERALLY ARE PATTERNED AFTER THOSE OF UK AND US;

C. MINISTER OF HEALTH, ACTING UPON ADVICE OF COUNCIL OF HEALTH (WHICH INCLUDES INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES), HAS AUTHORITY TO REVISE REGULATIONS.

3. COMMENT: GOM HEALTH AUTHORITIES WILL UNQUESTIONABLY CONTINUE TO FOLLOW US/UK DETERMINATIONS VIS-A VIS CYCLAMATES. LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL INTERPRETS EFFORT TO REINTRODUCE CYCLAMATES IN MALTA AS REACTION BY BUSINESS TO HIGH SUGAR PRICES. SMITH

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